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2013 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #48 Summer Announcement #44, Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The Pilot Station sonar cumulative passage estimate of approximately 108,000 Chinook salmon through July 6 is well below the historical average of 132,000 for this date. Additional measures have been taken in Districts 1-4 to conserve Chinook salmon for escapement and are being similarly implemented in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C based on migratory timing.

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, & 5-C (from Illinois Creek upstream to regulatory markers 2 miles downstream of Waldron Creek): This area includes the communities of Tanana and Rampart as well as the area near the Yukon River Bridge.

Subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C is currently closed and will remain closed during the next subsistence salmon fishing period which was scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, to conserve Chinook salmon.

The department will notify fishermen by July 11 concerning the subsistence salmon fishing schedule in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C.

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fish wheels may not be operated and gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches and a length greater than 60 feet must be removed from the water.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 or in Fairbanks call (907) 459-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADFG office in Fairbanks at 459-7274 or in Emmonak at 949-1320. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can be contacted in Fairbanks at 456-0418.

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